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REMARKS

The present amendment is made following a telephone with Examiner Alan Hoosain on December 3, 2004. Amendments to the claims are from the form of the claims standing after entering amendment J, filed on 10/22/2004, and are according to discussions with Examiner Hoosain in the telephone interview. Further, the applicant has checked the antecedent basis problems alluded to by the Examiner in the action mailed 5/24/2004, and believes these to now be corrected.

In addition to the above, applicant has caused to be filed with this amendment an Information Disclosure Statement listing US patents 5,999,965 and 6,069,890.

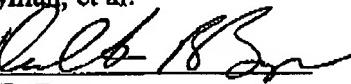
Applicant believes independent claims 2, 10 and 13 as amended are now patentable over the combined references, and therefore requests reconsideration. Claims 3-9, 12 and 14-18 are now patentable on their own merits, or at least as depended from a patentable claim.

As all of the claims standing for examination as amended have been shown to be patentable over the art of record, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration after final and that the present case be passed quickly to issue. If there are any time extensions due beyond any extension requested and paid with this amendment, such extensions are hereby requested. If there are any fees due

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beyond any fees paid with the present amendment, such fees are authorized to be deducted from deposit account 50-0534.

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